

## House Resolution No. 532

**Whereas**, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone attainments by Show-Me State residents who are dedicated to maintaining and improving examples of areas and regions which illustrate life in the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

**Whereas**, Thomas and Scott Atkins have devoted themselves to reviving the historic Virginia Building in downtown Columbia, Missouri, to its former glory and appearance; and

**Whereas**, one year ago the Virginia Building Strollway Center had three sides wrapped in ribbed metal siding and its windows reduced to narrow, concrete-framed slits as a largely unnoticed and mostly vacant structure; and

**Whereas**, thanks to the impressive vision and tireless efforts of Thomas and Scott Atkins, the Virginia Building today is filled with sunlight, its gold glazed brick facade cleaned and repaired, the building's tall storefront windows and transoms clean and sparkling, and historic ornate cornice work and terra cotta ornamentation restored; and

**Whereas**, serving as a focus in the fight against disuse and degradation that can destroy an older area's atmosphere and attractions, Thomas and Scott Atkins received a prestigious Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation (Missouri Preservation) 2002 Preserve Missouri Award for outstanding achievement in the area of Commercial Revitalization at a special awards ceremony held in the State Capitol Rotunda on February 27, 2002; and

**Whereas**, Thomas and Scott Atkins have succeeded in enhancing the community of Columbia both visually and economically while strengthening the bond between its citizens through a proud sense of shared heritage:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant labors and tremendous success embodied in the work of Thomas and Scott Atkins and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon their receipt of a well-deserved 2002 Preservation Honor Award for Commercial Revitalization from Missouri Preservation; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Thomas and Scott Atkins.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Vicky Riback Wilson  
District No. 25

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 532, adopted March 3, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker

